



Agenda Item B1

By: Assistant Chief IFCO

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –
6 November 2015

Subject: **River Medway Nursery Area (Prohibition of Fishing)
Byelaw**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To make a new byelaw to protect fish populations, using the River Medway as a nursery area

At the KEIFCA meeting held on 4 September 2015 Members instructed Officers with regard to the Byelaw they required to be made. The draft byelaw and its associated Impact Assessment have been discussed with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) who have approved the wording of it. This proposed Byelaw is now formally presented to you for making.

As required, Members have been given 14 days' notice of the intention to make this Byelaw and in

In addition you were also provided with the associated Impact Assessment which should be considered before making the Byelaw.

If the Byelaw is made it will be necessary to seek the Secretary of State's confirmation of the Byelaw before it is operational. The next stage in this process will be to advertise notice of the Byelaw for two consecutive weeks in publications which target stakeholders affected by it. Notice will also be placed on the KEIFCA website where the full wording of the Byelaw will be available for viewing. Persons wishing to comment or object will be given 28 days to respond to KEIFCA and MMO. Following this, consideration will be given to comments or objections received as set out in Defra Guidance.

Members are asked to **APPROVE** the making of the Byelaw taking account of the Impact Assessment provided.